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Here's an email with summary of the validation issue.

I have not provided a response yet to this email.

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Cindy,

I am still a bit confused from hearing back from Kelley's phone conversation with you. So I thought I'd send an email.

My understanding in the beginning of this project was we were to receive fully validated data that would normally be the final product used for final determinations. I think its good for us at this juncture to make sure we have agreement on exactly what that means.

You are the expert in this area so, I think you should make the final recommendation regarding whether the "internal" validation step for the EPA labs is sufficient.

Once you make your recommendation, I suggest that we make sure those up the chain are a least aware of what is decided in this regard. As I am sure you agree, once we pick a course of action, we should not change it.

My bottom line is that I need to know from you whether the Final data is ready to be placed in a database and released. And that we are rock solid comfortable with.

Thanks again for all your help on this site.

Rich

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